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SUBJECT: UNCTAD QUESTIONNAIRE ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS

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1. EMBOFF FRIDAY PROVIDED FOREIGN OFFICE (CHAKI, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR GENERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU) WITH PROPOSED U.S. RESPONSE AND MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL. (UNDER FOREIGN OFFICE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNCTAD COMMODITY QUESTIONS, CHAKI HANDLES JUTE, HARD FIBERS AND BANANAS.)

2. CHAKI RESPONDED THAT JAPANESE DELEGATION AT OCTOBER JUTE MEETING HAD RESERVED ON QUESTIONS OF HARMONIZATION OF NATURAL AND SYNTHETIC PRODUCTION, ARGUING THAT THE "GOJ HAD NO AUTHORITY TO TAKE ACTION INDICATED" (TD/B/IPC/JUTE/I, 16 NOVEMBER 1976, PAGE 8). HE POINTED OUT THAT IN RESERVING
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ON THE MAIN ISSUE, JAPAN HAD JOINED WITH THE U.S. AND THE EC.

3. CHAKI SAID HE DOES NOT OBJECT TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE BEING DIRECTED ONLY TO DC'S, SINCE THIS IS WHAT THE OCTOBER MEETING DECIDED. HE ADDED THAT AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF EXPERTS IN JANUARY, BANGLADESH AND INDIA HAD ASKED THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION BE FURNISHED AND JAPAN SEES

NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH FURNISHING IT. IT IS HIS VIEW THAT THE INFORMATION WILL FORM THE BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER AT THE JULY 11-15 MEETING IN GENEVA.

4. CHAKI SAID HE DOESN'T FEEL THAT THE MATTER OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE IS ALL THAT IMPORTANT, AND SINCE JAPAN HAS MADE ITS POSITION ON HARMONIZATION CLEAR, SEES NO DANGER OF HAVING THE FACT THAT IT IS SUPPLYING ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE BEING MISINTERPRETED AS A CHANGE IN THAT POSITION. IN ANY CASE, THE INFORMATION WHICH MITI FURNISHED IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR HELP IS QUITE SUPERFICIAL (E.G. TONS PER YEAR) WHICH IS AVAILABLE IN PUBLISHED FORM, AND IN SOME CASES SIMPLY NOT PROVIDED.

5. CHAKI SAID THAT, SUBJECT TO HIS SUPERIOR'S APPROVAL, HE PLANS TO SEND THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE JAPANESE DELEGATION IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT. HE SAID HE WOULD INFORM THE JAPANESE DELEGATION OF THE EMBASSY'S APPROACH AND REQUEST THAT THE DELEGATION SHOW THE JAPANESE RESPONSE TO THE U.S. DELEGATION PRIOR TO HANDING IT TO THE SECRETARIAT.

6. CHAKI WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN TALKING POINT B OF REFTEL PARA 3, NOTING CAREFULLY THAT THE U.S. POSITION PERTAINS AS WELL TO "OTHER PRODUCTS FACING COMPETITION FROM SYNTHETICS". (HE COMMENTED THAT THIS PRESUMABLY WOULD INCLUDE RUBBER.)
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